



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Police, Fire and Corrections Torch Run

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics Rhode Island State Summer Games will hold its 43rd Annual competition on June 3-5, 2011 at the University of Rhode Island; and

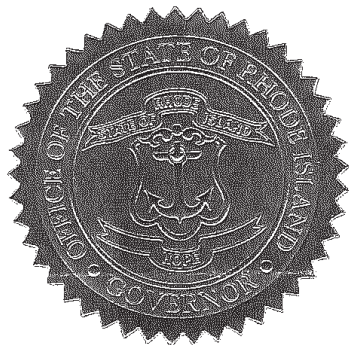
WHEREAS, police, firefighters, state troopers, correctional officers and FBI officials from across Rhode Island will relay the Special Olympics Rhode Island *Flame of Hope* across the state beginning at the Rhode Island State House on Friday, June 3, through various cities and towns to the University of Rhode Island for the 2011 Special Olympics Rhode Island State Summer Games Opening Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the Torch Run Committee hopes to raise over \$200,000 for Special Olympics Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Torch Run is an international event to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics, which provides year-round sports training and competition for more than one million children and adults who have intellectual disabilities and/or a closely related developmental disability, including more than 1,500 athletes, 2,000 family members, 500 coaches and 500 volunteers who participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Olympic athletes and the community; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics athletes will "Inspire Greatness" as they compete in athletics; aquatics; bowling; cycling; motor activities training program; powerlifting and unified soccer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2011, the Police, Fire and Corrections Torch Run as the beginning of the 2011 Annual Special Olympics Rhode Island's State Summer Games.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 23rd day of May, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State